

nothing to worry about. And the truth is they've got a younger generation of Americans coming up that are going to be paying into the payroll—paying through payroll tax into the Social Security system, into a system that's going to be bankrupt in 2041.

And now is the time. Now is the time for people to come together. And when they do, there will be plenty of credit to go around, plenty of credit for whoever is willing to come to that table and do what's right for the American people.

I want to thank you all for joining us. I want to thank you all for coming out today on a rainy day to say hello. I appreciate you giving me a chance to come and explain one of the really vital issues for the United States, an issue that will affect generations of Americans to come. We're going to get something done, folks. You know why? Because when it's all said and done, the American people are going to rise up and say, "Solve this problem. Then you can go on to the next."

Thanks for coming. God bless.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:30 p.m. at the Hopkinsville Christian County Conference and Convention Center. In his remarks, he referred to Gov. Ernie Fletcher of Kentucky; E.O. and Ginny Whitfield, parents of Representative Ed Whitfield; and Mayor Richard G. Liebe of Hopkinsville, KY.

Memorandum on Strengthening Information Sharing, Access, and Integration—Organizational, Management, and Policy Development Structures for Creating the Terrorism Information Sharing Environment

June 2, 2005

Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies

Subject: Strengthening Information Sharing, Access, and Integration—Organizational, Management, and Policy Development Structures for Creating the Terrorism Information Sharing Environment

The Federal Government collects information pursuant to law for many purposes, including to protect the Nation against inter-

national terrorism and other threats to the Nation's safety and well-being. The Federal Government faces great challenges in ensuring timely, effective, and lawful collection, processing, analysis, and dissemination of such information. It is of particular importance to ensure that Federal agencies have appropriate access to the information they need to perform their homeland security, diplomatic, defense, foreign intelligence, and law enforcement functions, and that State, local, and tribal authorities have appropriate access to the information they need to perform their homeland security functions. Ensuring appropriate sharing and integration of and access to information, while protecting information privacy rights and other legal rights of Americans, remains a high priority for the United States and a necessity for winning the war on terror.

Section 1016 of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458) (IRTPA) calls for the creation of an "Information Sharing Environment" to provide for Federal, State, local, and tribal access as appropriate to terrorism information and for the designation of a program manager "responsible for information sharing across the Federal Government." Section 1016 supplements section 892 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-296), and Executive Orders 13311 of July 29, 2003, and 13356 of August 27, 2004, and other Presidential guidance, which address various aspects of information access. On April 15, 2005, I designated the program manager (PM) consistent with section 1016(f) of IRTPA, and on April 21, 2005, my memorandum entitled "Effective Dates of Provisions in Title I of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004" placed section 1016 in effect.

The Commission on the Intelligence Capabilities of the United States Regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction (Commission), in its report of March 31, 2005 (Chapter 9), stated that "[t]he confused lines of authority over information sharing created by the intelligence reform act should be resolved." To that end, the Commission recommended that "[t]he overlapping authorities of the [Director of National Intelligence (DNI)] and the Program Manager should be

reconciled and coordinated—a result most likely to be achieved by requiring the program manager to report to the DNI.”

Consistent with the Constitution and the laws of the United States, including section 103 of the National Security Act of 1947 and sections 1016 and 1018 of IRTPA, and taking appropriate account of the recommendations of the Commission, I hereby direct as follows:

1. The DNI shall promptly designate the PM, and all personnel, funds, and other resources assigned to the PM, as part of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) pursuant to section 103(c)(9) of the National Security Act of 1947 and shall administer the PM and related resources as part of the ODNI throughout the initial 2-year term of the PM's office.

2. During the initial 2-year term of the PM's office, the DNI:

- (a) shall exercise authority, direction, and control over the PM;
- (b) shall ensure that the PM carries out the functions of the PM under section 1016 of IRTPA and this memorandum—
 - (i) in a manner that facilitates the effective accomplishment of Federal homeland security, diplomatic, defense, foreign intelligence, and law enforcement functions and that facilitates provision to State, local, and tribal authorities of appropriate access to information they need to perform their homeland security functions; and
 - (ii) consistent with applicable law and Presidential guidance relating to information access, including Executive Orders 13311 and 13356; and
- (c) shall ensure that the PM has employed by, or assigned or detailed to his office personnel with substantial information sharing experience relating to homeland security, national defense, law enforcement, and State and local governments to the maximum extent possible;

3. Heads of executive departments and agencies shall, to the extent permitted by law and pursuant to section 1016(i) of IRTPA, provide assistance and information to the

DNI and the PM in the implementation of this memorandum.

4. This memorandum:

- (a) shall be implemented in a manner consistent with applicable law, including Federal law protecting the information privacy and other legal rights of Americans, and subject to the availability of appropriations;
- (b) shall be implemented in a manner consistent with the statutory authority of the principal officers of departments and agencies as heads of their respective departments or agencies;
- (c) shall not be construed to impair or otherwise affect the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budget, administrative, and legislative proposals; and
- (d) is intended only to improve the internal management of the Federal Government and is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by a party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agencies, or any other person.

George W. Bush

Memorandum on Order of Succession of Officers To Act as Secretary of Defense

June 2, 2005

Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense

Subject: Order of Succession of Officers to Act as Secretary of Defense

Pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 3345(a) of title 5, United States Code, and notwithstanding Executive Order 13000 of April 24, 1996, I direct as follows:

(1) In the event of the death, permanent disability, or resignation of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Navy shall act for and perform the duties of the Secretary of Defense as Acting Secretary of Defense.